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Agriculture

Action taken on the recommendation for an agricultural colonization scheme.

*156 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any agricultural colonization scheme has been set on foot as recommended by the Unemployment Committee; and

(b) if not, what steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the said recommendation?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The examination of the recommendations of the Committee has been deferred for consideration along with the recommendations contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b) of this question, may I know how long it will take Government to consider the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture and come to a decision on this matter?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"As early as possible."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Will it take three months? Can you give us an approximate date at all?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"As early as practicable. That is all I can say."

Alleged abolition of the Anakapalli Agricultural School.

*157 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state— 11-45 a.m.

(a) the reasons why the Anakapalli Agricultural School was abolished;

(b) whether the Government have made any endeavour to secure admission for the sons of ryots and boys of agricultural classes into that school;

(c) whether the Government have considered and created any demand or stimulated any interest among the agricultural classes of Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts to send their boys to the agricultural school and the agricultural station at Anakapalli; if so, what steps were taken; and

(d) whether the Government will select students from ryots and agricultural classes and train them in batches at the demonstration farm at Anakapalli?

A.—(a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given on 30th March 1928 to clause (b) of question No. 1844.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The following steps were taken. As soon as the charge of the school was handed over to the Agricultural Department in March 1924 a vigorous recruiting campaign was undertaken in the villages where demonstrations had been given and where the advantages of improved methods of agriculture had been shown. In this campaign the assistance of the officers of the